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Root said the administration should have been clearer about technical issues that could occur.

"The main problem was that they didn't tell us this was an issue," Root said.

However, the problem was not detected until after registration began, according to Dana Abbott, director of information services. She said members of her staff are working to correct the problem during registration to avoid further problems.

"That's their top priority right now," Abbott said.

Abbott said she believed the problem resulted from situations when one transforms course could equate to multiple courses at the University. In this case, Banner might not recognize credits the students have earned, and result in a registration time later than it should be.

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Police Beat

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Mar. 20—At 5 a.m., Ofc. Joseph Gagliardi, while on foot patrol, saw a male lying on campus walk. Upon approaching the male, Gagliardi tapped him on the shoe. According to police, the male, a 20-year-old resident of Westmoreland Hall, stood up and vomited. The student was transported to the hospital by the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad and was referred to administration.

Mar. 24—At 6:41 p.m., a 19-year-old male resident of Russell Hall reported to police that another student entered his room while intoxicated and began to wrestle with his friends. According to the victim, during this wrestling, the suspect, a 19-year-old male resident of Russell Hall, knocked over and broke two crystal glasses valued at \$80. The student has been referred to administration.

Mar. 26—At 7:42 p.m., a 19-year-old female resident of Russell Hall reported to police

that between 12:30 a.m. and 12:45 a.m. she had been harassed while at an off-campus party. According to the victim, the suspect approached her, hugged her and grabbed her butt. The suspect then took the victim's hand and placed it between his legs. After the victim removed her hand, the suspect placed his hand between her legs. According to the victim, she then made an excuse to leave and was standing outside when the suspect approached her a second time, hugged her and grabbed her butt. According to police, the victim spent the night in a friend's room. Upon arriving at her dorm room the next morning, the victim was informed the suspect had come by her room the night before, looking for her. According to the victim she received an instant message from the suspect that same morning. The victim did not want to press charges at the time of the report and the suspect was referred to administration.

Conference To Host Nader, Will Explore 9/11 Topics

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anywhere from what I would consider traditional, historical, political science-type analysis of the history of 9/11 and whether that has effected intern elections in the interim period," Romero said. "Very traditional research analysis on the one hand, on the other side we have people in not quite the social sciences but more the humanities."

Participants will present papers from various academic fields. Paper topics will pertain to the events of Sept. 11 in relation to societal responses to the attacks, academic freedoms, freedom of speech and uses of power, among others.

Other keynote speakers will include Robert O'Neil and Catherine Lutz.

O'Neil formerly served as the president of the University of Virginia and is currently a professor of law at the institution. He will be delivering an address entitled, "Academic Freedom and Free Speech Since September 11—How Much Changed and

What's Ahead?"

Catherine Lutz is a professor of anthropology at Brown University who will be delivering the address, "Violence and Freedom After 9/11."

While Romero will be giving the opening and closing remarks for this weekend's conference, two other UMW professors will also be giving presentations.

Mehdi Aminrazavi, associate professor of classics, philosophy and religion; and Jason Davidson, assistant professor of political science and international affairs, will both be delivering addresses.

Romero said he hopes two questions will be addressed during the conference. The first being what exactly happened on Sept. 11?

"The answer will be more than just planes flew into buildings and a lot of people died," Romero said.

Second he said he wants to know what has to be true about Americans to react in the ways they did.

UMW students will be able to attend Ralph Nader's keynote address as well as "The Arrogance of Power: Being American After 9/11" conference free of charge and registration. For more information visit, www.arroganceofpower.net or e-mail Joseph Romero at jromero@umw.edu

Problems Arise, Addressed

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records for accuracy, according to Ginter.

Ginter said the University has moved rapidly through the implementation of Banner since its first components were installed in July 2004, and that if there was more time, problems could have been avoided.

Chip German, vice president for information technologies and chief information officer, agreed.

"We're speeding through the components of installing the whole environment," he said. "If we all had our way, we would stretch this installation out over a longer period of time."

Another problem was basic confusion about logging in, Ginter said. Ginter said students often try to log in using the incorrect password—students often try to use their registration permission numbers.

When the number is incorrectly entered three times, the Banner system invalidates the PIN and refuses access. From there, the student has to call the technology assistance center and have his PIN reset.

The PIN number is the last four digits of the student's social security number followed by the two digits of the student's birth month. Students enter the registration permission number after logging into the system—faculty give their advisees this number during advising sessions.

Mike Merrill, technology assistance center manager, said the technology assistance center has received about 40 calls for password reset each day of registration.

"The main calls we're getting this week are password issues," Merrill said. "People are getting confused about which number to use."

Junior Colin Jones contacted the technology assistance center when he could not log in to Banner.

"[I used the number] my professor gave me because he said it was all I needed," Jones said. "But apparently I needed to do what the Web page said."

Merrill said the technology assistance center has taken measures to avoid confusion with logging in. The Banner login Web page has been adjusted to make the instructions for logging in clearer, according to Merrill.

"Once we get through the initial transition people will see that it was a good change and it will make things easier in the long run," Merrill said.

To familiarize students with the new software, the University held three Banner demonstrations last week for students on the Fredericksburg campus and one for students at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Junior Ann-Marie Williams, who registered

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[didn't] know if it saved or not," she said.

The move to Banner occurred because the Hewlett-Packard hardware supporting the Eaglelink software was outdated and being phased out by the company, according to German. German told *The Bullet* in mid-March that Banner was one of the more affordable options.

Junior Jon Clair said he understood the need for the upgrade.

"If [Banner] helps out the system, that's great. I'm all for it," Clair said.

Many students, however, did not entirely welcome Banner.

"I wish [Banner] would go away," Jones said when he was having difficulty logging in.

Ginter said the move to Banner was necessary. "The mainframe that supports Eaglelink is dying," Ginter said.

Though Eaglelink is not used for registration, it still retains academic records for Spring 2005, according to the University's Web site.

Ginter said the new system has much more information than the old system, and she expects students to like it when they get used to it.

German agreed.

"This is not perfect but we're getting along well," he said.

Mad. Angry. Frustrated.

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Student's Killer Sentenced, Scholarship Established

By LEAH TRIPPLETT
Staff Writer

Last month, trucker Dale Leon Kreider was sentenced to a total of 4 years in prison for involuntary manslaughter and reckless driving.

It was his driving that resulted in the death of 19-year-old Emily Cella, then a junior at Mary Washington College. Cella was returning back to the Fredericksburg area on Aug. 7, 2003 from her hometown of Centreville, where she had been visiting family on August 6, reported the Centre View on February 17, 2005.

Kreider was hauling ice cream comestibles to Richmond in an 18-wheeler when traffic slowed to five to 10 mph. Instead of slowing the truck, Kreider slammed into Cella's Toyota Echo before also hitting two other trucks, according to the Centre View.

"Not only did Kreider hit Cella's car, he ran over it," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney George Elsasser. "Between the weight of the tractor-trailer and its load, an estimated 70,000 pounds of mass was driving itself right onto that small Toyota."

Witnesses in the June 2004 trial stated that Kreider did not heed the warning signs and was going over 75 mph, the Centre View reported.

Still, Kreider was never tested for drugs

or alcohol and maintains he doesn't remember what happened in the early morning hours of Aug. 7, said senior Kim Bickert, a friend of Cella who attended Kreider's trial.

"It's frustrating because [Kreider] won't tell us," Bickert said. "I've tried to forget him and remember her more."

Cella, who would have graduated this spring with a degree in sociology, is being remembered at Mary Washington in the form of a scholarship in her name. The scholarship is being awarded for the first time next Spring to a rising junior or senior major in the social sciences with at least a 3.0 GPA.

"The Emily Cella Scholarship will be awarded for the first time in the spring of 2006," said Nina Thompson, assistant vice president for development services. "The award amount will be determined at that time. It is likely to be approximately \$1,000 for the academic year."

In a charity golf tournament this fall, \$10,000 was raised to benefit the scholarship, according to Cella's mother, Terri Cella.

"Anyone who wants to contribute to the scholarship may do so by indicating 'Emily Cella Scholarship' on their gift to the UMW foundation," Thompson said. "The intent of this scholarship is to honor Emily's memory and to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of students in the social sciences."

Two Students Robbed

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Allen was also in the vehicle with Crissup at that time.

"We had just gotten back from driving to Walmart and we saw some people walking around and looking at cars," Allen said. "We thought this was somewhat sketchy so we locked the doors."

According to Crissup, she didn't call the police at that time.

"When I heard about the theft of the radios I thought there was a connection between the people we saw and the theft," Crissup said. "It was too coincidental."

Allen agreed.

"I thought if we saw the doing anything illegal we should say something," Allen said. "But we didn't actually see them break into cars."

According to James Snipes, chief of police, the thefts have occurred before on campus.

"Unfortunately, this is the hazard of living in the city," Snipes said. "The police department does its best to minimize the occurrence of thefts."

Snipes said the police department has increased patrols in response to the thefts. This is in addition to the safety precautions already in place.

"A chain-link fence separates University property from the city street, overhead lights turn on at night and the lots are patrolled randomly," Snipes said.

Snipes speculated as to the identity of the perpetrators.

"It is our experience that most of the time vehicle break-ins are not perpetuated by students," Snipes said. "But we can't rule it out."

Crissup had the same thoughts.

"Seeing as how the two people we saw

were black males hinted that the two people we saw probably weren't students given our complete lack of diversity on campus," Crissup said.

Katsourakis holds no hope of finding his stalker.

"People like that usually sell the stuff they take to their friends or someone they know," Katsourakis said.

Snipes confirmed this.

"These things are usually taken to pawn shops or given to associates," Snipes said.

An employee at Spotsylvania Gold and Pawn commented on the process involved in selling stereo equipment.

"You bring in the stereo and we'll appraise it," he said. "There's no paperwork necessary."

According to Brandon Cox, an employee of 610 Pawn and Jewelry, there are no precautions against a pawn shop purchasing a stolen item.

"Obviously if someone brings us new stuff it kind of raises an eyebrow," Cox said. "But if it's used there's no way of knowing where someone got something."

Cox said a pawn ticket, containing all the information of the seller, is filled out for every item purchased.

"A copy of all pawn tickets are sent to the courthouse," Cox said.

Cox said a used car CD player will usually sell for anywhere from \$20 to \$50.

"Unless they have something spectacular, the price isn't really that high," Cox said.

According to Cox, if someone finds a stolen item of theirs in the shop, they can either buy it back or file a police report. The police will then confiscate the item.

"It frustrates me that I lose money," Cox said. "But it's part of the business."

Viewpoints

Editorial Media Mayhem

It is sickening to see fellow media outlets in the United States descending on Pinellas Park, Florida like a pack of wild dogs on a wounded rabbit.

The mass media hasn't done the country any favors in the last 14 days. They've deprived the nation of information that is actually useful in daily life in order to cover a personal-tragedy-turned-disgusting-media-circus.

Protestors on both sides of the fence are selfishly abusing media attention. Where have the protestors been for the past 15 years? Have live coverage from every news outlet in the country within a one-mile radius, and all of a sudden people give a damn.

The most ridiculous claim by some politicians is that the whole fiasco is not political.

Not political? When was the last time any congress rushed to the floor of the house to pass a bill so quickly? And on their vacation time no less! Looks as though reps could smell the sweet pie of the far-right voting bloc over the salty whiff of an Easter ham.

While the dramatic story of Terri Shiavo has made people question their right-to-die stances and encourage many to establish living wills, how has the media coverage really informed America?

Hourly updates on her vegetative state have not given any insight into the nation's social security debate, foreign policy concerns or the national deficit.

One day we'll all be wondering why we didn't pay attention "back then" if policy outcomes are not to our liking. By that time, we may be wondering what we possibly could have been paying attention to instead.



Students For Justice in Palestine's memorial display in Ball Circle.

Courtesy Lauren Bayer

Justice In Palestine

Israeli Troops Must Withdraw From Occupied Territories

By LAUREN BAYER, DAVINA FOURNIER, PHIL ARNONE and NYEMA SAYED
Guest Columnists

During the week of March 21-25, our club, Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), put on a memorial for the child victims of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict. In Ball Circle we set up a mock graveyard displaying the deaths of both Palestinian and Israeli children during all of the months of the Intifada.

On standards throughout campus we put up posters addressing specific children on both sides, displaying the children's names, ages, places of living, circumstances of death, and pictures.

Also included with these were facts about the realities of the current Intifada and Israeli Occupation. All of our sources were cited for these displays, including the flies that we had at our table at the Eagles Nest. We included a wide array of sources including the Palestinian Monitor, Jews Against the Occupation and Amnesty International, just to name a few. SJP provided the campus with a piece of the reality that the civilians in Palestine and Israel deal with on a daily basis.

In order to understand the conflict, it is imperative to examine the origins and motivations behind acts of violence. While it is true that children are sometimes collaterally killed during clashes, it is still important to note that at times the Israeli army does target

children.

On Oct. 4, 2004, for example, 13-year-old Iman el-Hams was shot by the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) on her walk to school. After shooting two bullets and killing her, an IDF soldier approached her body and fired 20 more shots into her dead body. There can be no logical reason for Israeli soldiers to first shoot an unarmed child, and then proceed in mutilating her body. In this instance and there are countless others like this, no one can be blamed other than the Israeli military.

In addition to this type of targeting, pregnant women and sick children are continuously left to die and suffer at the hands of Israeli checkpoints.

The deplorable behavior of Israeli soldiers at checkpoints is just as detrimental to the peace process as outright shooting civilians. In fact, if these checkpoints were really established to protect Israeli civilians, they would be set up between Israel and Palestine, not between Palestinian villages, which at present are where the majority of them are. With these actions in mind, it certainly does not seem that the government or the IDF is making any sort of legitimate effort to protect civilian life or promote peace.

While the Israeli government claims that its actions are a matter of defense, it is important to remember that Israel has been illegally occupying the West Bank and Gaza since 1967, per the UN Security Council Resolution 242. Therefore, Israel has no legal right to be in those

areas let alone set up settlements. Year after year the Israeli government constructs settlements, taking land that belongs to the Palestinians. These people have every right to defend their land and their basic human rights. Surely they cannot be expected to sit back idly and let their land and human rights be robbed from them. Through curfews, school closings, water seizures, arbitrary detentions, torture, and house demolitions, Palestinians are dominated like animals. No one can be expected to endure silently 39 years of illegal occupation.

This desperate situation has caused Palestinians to resist in the ways that they have, some to the point of fanaticism. Peace and justice are possible, but this starts with Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories.

It can be said that if it were not for the illegal occupation, Israeli and Palestinian civilians would not have been killed. There would be no need for an Intifada because there would be no occupation. The conditions that many Palestinians are forced into are desperate and hopeless, and they have the right to resist.

For the conflict to be overcome and the Intifada to end, the real issues must be addressed, and central to this is Israeli withdrawal from the illegally occupied territories. Isn't it time to stop blaming the victim and take some responsibility?

Lauren Bayer, Phil Arnone and Nyema Sayed are juniors. Davina Fournier is a freshman.

Terrorists To Blame

By JOSEPH KATZ
Guest Columnist

Last week anyone who walked by Ball Circle surely noticed a massive pro-Palestinian display which accused the Israeli military of targeting innocent civilians, specifically children. The situation of the Palestinians is certainly not enviable, and Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) is to be commended for the hard work and dedication they have shown in taking up the cause of these poor people. However, the blame for the Palestinians' situation lies not with the Israeli Defense Force (IDF), which takes virtually every possible precaution to protect civilian life in legitimate efforts to fight terrorism and protect the Jewish homeland. Rather, the blame lies with Palestinian terrorists who have put these children in the crossfire and used civilians as pawns in their war against the Jewish state.

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Reporters led by Ellis Schuman thoroughly examined the tape and found that there was no way the shot was fired by Israelis.

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Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor



Mar. 20—At 5 a.m., Ofc. Joseph Gagliardi, while on foot patrol, saw a male lying on campus walk. Upon approaching the male, Gagliardi tapped him on the shoe. According to police, the male, a 20-year-old resident of Westmoreland Hall, stood up and vomited. The student was transported to the hospital by the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad and was referred to administration.

Mar. 24—At 6:41 p.m., a 19-year-old male resident of Russell Hall reported to police that another student entered his room while intoxicated and began to wrestle with his friends. According to the victim, during this wrestling, the suspect, a 19-year-old male resident of Russell Hall, knocked over and broke two crystal glasses valued at \$80. The student has been referred to administration.

Mar. 26—At 7:42 p.m., a 19-year-old female resident of Russell Hall reported to police

that between 12:30 a.m. and 12:45 a.m. she had been harassed while at an off-campus party. According to the victim, the suspect approached her, hugged her and grabbed her butt. The suspect then took the victim's hand and placed it in between his legs. After the victim removed her hand, the suspect placed his hand between her legs. According to the victim, she then made an excuse to leave and was standing outside when the suspect approached her a second time, hugged her and grabbed her butt. According to police, the victim spent the night in a friend's room. Upon arriving at her dorm room the next morning, the victim was informed the suspect had come by her room the night before, looking for her. According to the victim she received an instant message from the suspect that same morning. The victim did not want to press charges at the time of the report and the suspect was referred to administration.

Conference To Host Nader, Will Explore 9/11 Topics

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What's Ahead?"

Catherine Lutz is a professor of anthropology at Brown University who will be delivering the address, "Violence and Freedom After 9/11."

While Romero will be giving the opening and closing remarks for this weekend's conference, two other UMW professors will also be giving presentations.

Mehdi Aminrazavi, associate professor of classics, philosophy and religion, and Jason Davidson, assistant professor of political science and international affairs, will both be delivering addresses.

Romero said he hopes two questions will be addressed during the conference. The first being what exactly happened on Sept. 11?

"The answer will be more than just planes flew into buildings and a lot of people died," Romero said.

Second he said he wants to know what has to be true about Americans to react in the ways they did.

UMW students will be able to attend Ralph Nader's keynote address as well as "The Arrogance of Power: Being American After 9/11" conference free of charge and registration. For more information visit, www.arroganceofpower.net or e-mail Joseph Romero at jromero@umw.edu

Problems Arise, Addressed

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records for accuracy, according to Ginter.

Ginter said the University has moved rapidly through the implementation of Banner since its first components were installed in July 2004, and that if there was more time, problems could have been avoided.

Chip German, vice president for information technologies and chief information officer, agreed.

"We're speeding through the components of installing the whole Banner environment," he said. "If we all had our way, we would stretch this installation out over a longer period of time."

Another problem was basic confusion about logging in, Ginter said. Ginter said students often try to log in using the incorrect password—students often try to use their registration permission numbers.

When the number is incorrectly entered three times, the Banner system invalidates the PIN and refuses access. From there, the student has to call the technology assistance center and have his PIN reset.

The PIN number is the last four digits of the student's social security number followed by the two digits of the student's birth month. Students enter the registration permission number after logging into the system—faculty give their advisees this number during advising sessions.

Mike Merrill, technology assistance center manager, said the technology assistance center has received about 40 calls for password resets each day of registration.

"The main calls we're getting this week are password issues," Merrill said. "People are getting confused about which number to use."

Junior Colin Jones contacted the technology assistance center when he could not log in to Banner.

"[I used the number] my professor gave me because he said it was all I needed," Jones said. "But apparently I needed to do what the Web page said."

Merrill said the technology assistance center has taken measures to avoid confusion with logging in. The Banner login Web page has been adjusted to make the instructions for logging in clearer, according to Merrill.

"Once we get through the initial transition people will see that it was a good change and it will make things easier in the long run," Merrill said.

To familiarize students with the new software, the University held three Banner demonstrations last week for students on the Fredericksburg campus and one for students at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Junior Ann-Marie Williams, who registered

earlier this week, did not attend a tutorial, but said she did not have trouble with Banner.

"It seemed pretty self-explanatory," she said.

However, according to German, Banner had an unexpected occurrence on Monday morning: several mandatory down times.

The down times—which each lasted about a minute—resulted because of an interference with a new Verizon connection between the University's Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses, according to German. He said it took Verizon months to provide the connection, which was necessary because the University's Fredericksburg campus had network congestion problems. The congestion could interfere with Blackboard and other network components as well as with Banner.

"The most important thing is the connectivity between the two campuses and we wanted to have [the new Verizon connection] in place in time for registration," German said.

German said the problem with the down times are no longer an issue.

"Our initial reports are that all of that has improved," he said.

According to Ginter, Banner is better; it's faster than Eaglelink, it saves schedule changes automatically—which Eaglelink did not do—and it has less downtime.

Williams agreed. "It's nice that it automatically saves. Sometimes on Eaglelink you'd press save and you

[didn't] know if it saved or not," she said.

The move to Banner occurred because the Hewlett-Packard hardware supporting the Eaglelink software was outdated and being phased out by the company, according to German. German told *The Bullet* in mid-March that Banner was one of the more affordable options.

Junior Jon Clair said he understood the need for the upgrade.

"If [Banner] helps out the system, that's great. I'm all for it," Clair said.

Many students, however, did not entirely welcome Banner.

"I wish [Banner] would go away," Jones said when he was having difficulty logging in.

Ginter said the move to Banner was necessary. "The mainframe that supports Eaglelink is dying," Ginter said.

Though Eaglelink is not used for registration, it still retains academic records for Spring 2005, according to the University's Web site.

Ginter said the new system has much more information than the old system, and she expects students to like it when they get used to it.

German agreed.

"This is not perfect but we're getting along well," he said.

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Student's Killer Sentenced, Scholarship Established

By LEAH TRIPPLETT
Staff Writer

Last month, trucker Dale Leon Kreider was sentenced to a total of 4 years in prison for involuntary manslaughter and reckless driving.

It was his driving that resulted in the death of 19-year-old Emily Cella, then a junior at Mary Washington College. Cella was returning back to the Fredericksburg area on Aug. 7, 2003 from her hometown of Centreville, where she had been visiting family on August 6, reported the Centre View on February 17, 2005.

Kreider was hauling ice cream cones to Richmond in an 18-wheeler when traffic slowed to five to 10 mph. Instead of slowing the truck, Kreider slammed into Cella's Toyota Echo before also hitting two other trucks, according to the Centre View.

"Not only did Kreider hit Cella's car, he ran over it," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney George Elsasser. "Between the weight of the tractor-trailer and its load, an estimated 70,000 pounds of mass was driving itself right onto that small Toyota."

Witnesses in the June 2004 trial stated that Kreider did not heed the warning signs and was going over 75 mph, the Centre View reported.

Still, Kreider was never tested for drugs

or alcohol and maintains he doesn't remember what happened in the early morning hours of Aug. 7, said senior Kim Bickert, a friend of Cella who attended Kreider's trial.

"It's frustrating because [Kreider] won't tell us," Bickert said. "I've tried to forget him and remember her more."

Cella, who would have graduated this spring with a degree in sociology, is being remembered at Mary Washington in the form of a scholarship in her name. The scholarship is being awarded for the first time next Spring to a rising junior or senior major in the social sciences with at least a 3.0 GPA.

"The Emily Cella Scholarship will be awarded for the first time in the spring of 2006," said Nina Thompson, assistant vice president for development services. "The award amount will be determined at that time. It is likely to be approximately \$1,000 for the academic year."

In a charity golf tournament this fall, \$10,000 was raised to benefit the scholarship, according to Cella's mother, Terri Cella.

"Anyone who wants to contribute to the scholarship may do so by indicating 'Emily Cella Scholarship' on their gift to the UMW foundation," Thompson said. "The intent of this scholarship is to honor Emily's memory and to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of students in the social sciences."

Two Students Robbed

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Allen was also in the vehicle with Crissup at that time.

"We had just gotten back from driving to Wal-Mart and we saw some people walking around and looking at cars," Allen said. "We thought this was somewhat sketchy so we locked the doors."

According to Crissup, she didn't call the police at that time.

"When I heard about the theft of the radios I thought there was a connection between the people we saw and the theft," Crissup said. "It was too coincidental."

Allen agreed.

"I thought if we saw the doing anything illegal we should say something," Allen said. "But we didn't actually see them break into cars."

According to James Snipes, chief of police, the thefts have occurred before on campus.

"Unfortunately, this is the hazard of living in the city," Snipes said. "The police department does its best to minimize the occurrence of theft."

Snipes said the police department has increased patrols in response to the thefts. This is in addition to the safety precautions already in place.

"A chain-link fence separates University property from the city street, overhead lights turn on at night and the lots are patrolled randomly," Snipes said.

Snipes speculated as to the identity of the perpetrators.

"It is our experience that most of the time vehicle break-ins are not perpetuated by students," Snipes said. "But we can't rule it out."

Crissup had the same thoughts.

"Seeing as how the two people we saw

were black males hinted that the two people we saw probably weren't students given our complete lack of diversity on campus," Crissup said.

Katsourakis holds no hope of finding his stalker.

"People like that usually sell the stuff they steal to their friends or someone they know," Katsourakis said.

Snipes confirmed this.

"These things are usually taken to pawn shops or given to associates," Snipes said.

An employee at Spotsylvania Gold and Pawn commented on the process involved in selling stereo equipment.

"You bring in the stereo and we'll appraise it," he said. "There's no paperwork necessary."

According to Brandon Cox, an employee of 610 Pawn and Jewelry, there are no precautions against a pawn shop purchasing a stolen item.

"Obviously if someone brings us new stuff it kind of raises an eyebrow," Cox said. "But if it's used there's no way of knowing where someone got something."

Cox said a pawn ticket, containing all the information of the seller, is filled out for every item purchased.

"A copy of all pawn tickets are sent to the courthouse," Cox said.

Cox said a used car CD player will usually sell for anywhere from \$20 to \$50.

"Unless they have something spectacular,

the price isn't really that high," Cox said.

According to Cox, if someone finds a stolen item of theirs in the shop, they can either buy it back or file a police report. The police will then confiscate the item.

"It frustrates me that I lose money," Cox said. "But it's part of the business."

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Viewpoints

Editorial Media Mayhem

It is sickening to see fellow media outlets in the United States descending on Pinellas Park, Florida like a pack of wild dogs on a wounded rabbit.

The mass media hasn't done the country any favors in the last 14 days. They've deprived the nation of information that is actually useful in daily life in order to cover a personal-tragedy-turned-disgusting-media-circus.

Protestors on both sides of the fence are selfishly abusing media attention. Where have the protestors been for the past 15 years? Have live coverage from every news outlet in the country within a one-mile radius, and all of a sudden people give a damn.

The most ridiculous claim by some politicians is that the whole fiasco is not political.

Not political? When was the last time any congress rushed to the floor of the house to pass a bill so quickly? And on their vacation time no less! Looks as though Reps could smell the sweet pie of the far-right voting bloc over the salty whiff of an Easter ham.

While the dramatic story of Terri Shiavo has made people question their right-to-die stances and encourage many to establish living wills, how has the media coverage really informed America?

Hourly updates on her vegetative state have not given any insight into the nation's social security debate, foreign policy concerns or the national deficit.

One day we'll all be wondering why we didn't pay attention "back then" if policy outcomes are not to our liking. By that time, we may be wondering what we possibly could have been paying attention to instead.



Students For Justice in Palestine's memorial display in Ball Circle.

Courtesy Lauren Bayer

Justice In Palestine

Israeli Troops Must Withdraw From Occupied Territories

By LAUREN BAYER, DAVINA FOURNIER, PHIL ARNONE and NYEMA SAYED
Guest Columnists

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Also included with these were facts about the realities of the current Intifada and Israeli Occupation. All of our sources were cited for these displays, including the flyers that we had at our table at the Eagles Nest. We included a wide array of sources including the Palestinian Monitor, Jews Against the Occupation and Amnesty International, just to name a few. SJP provided the campus with a piece of the reality that the civilians in Palestine and Israel deal with on a daily basis.

In order to understand the conflict, it is imperative to examine the origins and motivations behind acts of violence. While it is true that children are sometimes collaterally killed during clashes, it is still important to note that at times the Israeli army does target

children.

On Oct. 4, 2004, for example, 13-year-old Iman el-Hams was shot by the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) on her walk to school. After shooting two bullets and killing her, an IDF soldier approached her body and fired 20 more shots into her dead body. There can be no logical reason for Israeli soldiers to first shoot an unarmed child, and then proceed in mutilating her body. In this instance and there are countless others like this, no one can be blamed other than the Israeli military.

In addition to this type of targeting, pregnant women and sick children are continuously left to die and suffer at the hands of Israeli checkpoints.

The deplorable behavior of Israeli soldiers at checkpoints is just as detrimental to the peace process as outright shooting civilians. In addition, if these checkpoints were really established to protect Israeli civilians, they would be set up between Israel and Palestine, not between Palestinian villages, which at present are where the majority of them are. With these actions in mind, it certainly does not seem that the government or the IDF is making any sort of legitimate effort to protect civilian life or promote peace.

While the Israeli government claims that its actions are a matter of defense, it is important to remember that Israel has been illegally occupying the West Bank and Gaza since 1967, per the UN Security Council Resolution 242. Therefore, Israel has no legal right to be in those

areas let alone set up settlements. Year after year the Israeli government constructs settlements, taking land that belongs to the Palestinians. These people have every right to defend their land and their basic human rights. Surely they cannot be expected to sit back idly and let their land and human rights be robbed from them. Through curfews, school closings, water seizures, arbitrary detentions, torture, and house demolitions, Palestinians are dominated like animals. No one can be expected to endure silently 39 years of illegal occupation.

This desperate situation has caused Palestinians to resist in the ways that they have, some to the point of fanaticism. Peace and justice are possible, but this starts with Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories.

It can be said that if it were not for the illegal occupation, Israeli and Palestinian civilians would not have been killed. There would be no need for an Intifada because there would be no occupation. The conditions that many Palestinians are forced into are desperate and hopeless, and they have the right to resist.

For the conflict to be overcome and the Intifada to end, the real issues must be addressed, and central to this is Israeli withdrawal from the illegally occupied territories. Isn't it time to stop blaming the victim and take some responsibility?

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Terrorists To Blame

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reporters led by Ellis Schuman thoroughly examined the tape and found that there was no way the shot was fired by Israelis.

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Features

Feed My iPod

By KATIE MOLINARO

Staff Writer

Steve Strauss, a 47-year-old lighting designer and consultant in New York City, values his iPod above his life.

"If I'm stranded on a desert island, the iPod comes first and food comes second," Strauss said.

Too busy to download his own music, he turned to HungryPod.

This program, founded by University of Mary Washington alumna Catherine Keane, charges clients about \$250 to transfer requested music onto their iPods.

Keane got the idea for her business in September 2004 when a friend said she knew a woman who would pay \$500 for someone to put songs on her iPod.

"It seemed like a lot of money," Keane said. "But in New York, people will pay a lot of money for people to do simple stuff. It's not that they don't know how, they just don't have time."

Convenience was important for Strauss, who walks by Keane's office on his way between work and the train.

For between \$250 and \$300, Strauss has all the Elton John, Eric Clapton and Beatles songs he could ask for in one place.

Once Keane acquired a few customers, she decided to rent out office space on Seventh Avenue in New York City, buy a computer, and begin her company as a part-time project.

"I didn't have to raise \$10,000 and it was okay if it didn't work," Keane said.

To transfer one CD of music, HungryPod charges \$1.75 plus a \$15 delivery fee. Customers also have the option of spending an extra \$25 to create a backup copy of their music.



In addition to loading music from CDs, Keane will recommend songs according to what music the customer likes and downloads those songs on the iPod.

To stay on the cusp of the music scene, Keane reads every music magazine she can find and is in touch with a few disc jockeys.

"It is a lot of work, but I'm having a lot of fun," Keane said. "It's nice to have a project all your own."

She is the only employee until an unpaid intern joins the company in April.

Keane, who graduated in 2003 with a degree in English, stresses the personal touch of her business.

Unlike some companies, Keane deals with customers face to face.

Keane and the customer choose a time and place for her to pick up the customer's CDs and iPod. Approximately two to four days later, Keane personally returns the CDs and fully loaded iPod.

HungryPod also came to the rescue for Steve Muskat, a 49-year-old shoe company owner in New York City, when he received an iPod for Christmas.

"My big concern was: 'How am I going to get all my music on it?'"

Muskat said. "It's a brilliant, brilliant concept, especially for someone like me. I'm busy, technologically challenged and lazy."

He heard about HungryPod from his nephew who had previously used Keane's services.

"It was somewhat of a reasonable price and just seemed too good to be true," he said.

He spent about \$175 to fill his iPod with classic rock, Gloria



Many students enjoy listening to iPods on campus. One University of Mary Washington alumna started her own business transferring songs onto iPods for customers.

Estefan, and some folk music.

While the company now boasts about 10 customers a week, HungryPod struggled at the beginning.

But not for long.

Last December, Keane got a call from a reporter at The New York Times who had seen a HungryPod ad.

"I thought it was a joke that one of my friends from high school was behind it," Keane said.

But as the interview progressed and a photographer came, Keane realized it was the real deal.

"I was definitely really excited and knew it would generate a lot of business," she said. "It was a real stroke of luck."

The timing didn't hurt either. According to MacNews, 4.5 million iPods were sold just in the months leading up to Christmas.

Since December, HungryPod has also been featured on a local morning show "Today in New York," and in New York Magazine.

The media attention isn't the only new territory for Keane. Because of HungryPod, she created a Web site for the first time, applied for a business certificate and opened a business bank account.

"It can be a little overwhelming at times, but I take it piece by piece," she said.

One drawback that concerns Muskat, however, is how Keane

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Students Share At Symposium

Two-Day Event To Showcase English Majors' Individual Work

By BRITTANY SHORT

Staff Writer

At a two-day symposium, University of Mary Washington students will hear English majors present their work on topics ranging from Shakespeare to Peter Pan.

work, anything they've done in the English major, an opportunity to do that."

The symposium will also allow students to spend time together as they listen to the presentations.

This is the first time that the English, linguistics and speech department has ever held an event like this.

Junior Amy Jesse, English and business double major, is looking forward to hearing about a range of topics.

"Just looking at the schedule, I think that majors and non-majors alike will be impressed by the topics," Jesse said. "From research on great works of literature such as 'Paradise Lost' and 'Moby Dick,' to studies of Shakespeare on the internet. The range of projects has something to interest everyone."

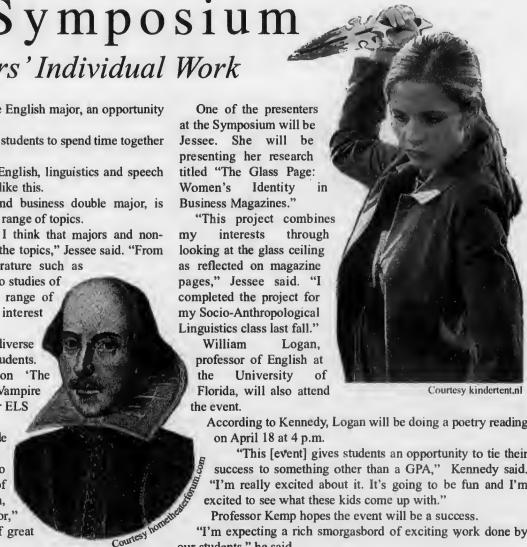
The symposium will include a diverse array of works showcased by the students.

"Who knew that projects on 'The Chronicles of Narnia,' 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer' or e-zines could be used for ELS classes?" Jesse said.

Kennedy also expects an wide assortment of presentations.

"The best part is that you get to find out what a wonderful variety of areas is available in the English, linguistics and speech major," Kennedy said. "That in itself is of great value."

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The course, which will be offered to students of all majors, will deal primarily with computer aspects of security, privacy, ethics, intellectual property rights, health, access and the environment and emerging technologies.

"We wanted a class where we could expose incoming students to a broad area of computing, not just programming," Zaidman said. "In the first week of class, we will do a presentation on how to take care of your own computer and why it is important to do backup, what a virus detector is and what other kinds of maintenance you should do regularly."

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"I think that the students will learn to appreciate both the benefits and the danger of computing," Zaidman said. "As different issues evolve throughout their lifetime, they'll have a better sense of how to evaluate them."

The class will be designated as speaking intensive, and many of the grades will come from presentations done within the class.

HOROSCOPES

By KATIE TELLER
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ARIES (MARCH 21 TO APRIL 19)

The other day, an Aries walked into a bar...and said ouch.

TAURUS (APRIL 20 TO MAY 20)

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GEMINI (MAY 21 TO JUNE 21)

Unlike dorky Taurus, the stars think you are really cool and had tons to say about you this week. Share some of that coolness with Taurus.

CANCER (JUNE 22 TO JULY 22)

It's time to sharpen your claws. You might need them this week against an Aquarius.

LEO (JULY 23 TO AUG. 22)

When was the last time you did laundry?

LIBRA (AUG. 23 TO SEPT. 22)

Avoid Leos. You'll be sorry if you don't.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23 TO OCT. 22)

You like to hear yourself talk.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23 TO NOV. 21)

We regret to inform you that your horoscope has been omitted due to budget cuts. Try again next week.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22 TO DEC. 21)

Play it cool.

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Nobody really cares about your political views. You should learn to keep your mouth shut, especially if you want a nice-looking Aquarius to like you.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 TO FEB. 18)

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PISCES (FEB. 19 TO MARCH 20)

You're feeling like a little fish in a big proverbial pond this week. It's actually more like a shark-infested ocean than a pond. Chomp chomp.

Alumna Fills iPods For Living In NYC

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will continue to garner business in an industry that seems to have few return customers.

"I don't cultivate customers," she said. "I hope it's a positive experience for them and that they will tell others about it."

Some clients do return, though, when they discover new songs they want in their collections or when they decide to load more CDs onto their iPods.

iPod owner and friend of Keane Noelle Campbell is taking a similar path. Keane already put 400 songs on Campbell's iPod, and once she has thought of more favorites and waited to hear new releases, Campbell and her iPod will return for a second helping of music.

"I gave her a rough list of songs I wanted and the kind of filled in the blanks," Campbell said. "There were some nice surprises on there."

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Features

Feed My iPod

By KATIE MOLINARO

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Steve Strauss, a 47-year-old lighting designer and consultant in New York City, values his iPod above his life.

"If I'm stranded on a desert island, the iPod comes first and food comes second," Strauss said.

Toos busy to download his own music, he turned to HungryPod.

This program, founded by University of Mary Washington alumna Catherine Keane, charges clients about \$250 to transfer requested music onto their iPods.

Keane got the idea for her business in September 2004 when a friend said she knew a woman who would pay \$500 for someone to put songs on her iPod.

"It seemed like a lot of money," Keane said. "But in New York, people will pay a lot of money for people to do simple stuff. It's not that they don't know how, they just don't have time."

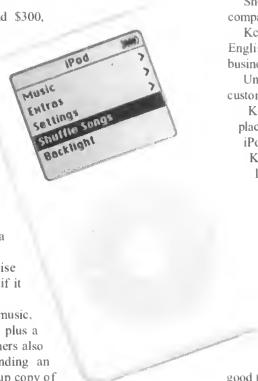
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For between \$250 and \$300, Strauss now has all the Elton John, Eric Clapton and Beatles songs he could ask for in one place.

Once Keane acquired a few customers, she decided to rent out office space on Seventh Avenue in New York City, buy a computer, and begin her company as a part-time project.

"I didn't have to raise \$10,000 and it was okay if it didn't work," Keane said.

To transfer one CD of music, HungryPod charges \$1.75 plus a \$15 delivery fee. Customers also have the option of spending an extra \$25 to create a backup copy of their music.



In addition to loading music from CDs, Keane will recommend songs according to what music the customer likes and downloads those songs on the iPod.

To stay on the cusp of the music scene, Keane reads every music magazine she can find and is in touch with a few disc jockeys.

"It is a lot of work, but I'm having a lot of fun," Keane said. "It's nice to have a project all your own."

She is the only employee until an unpaid intern joins the company in April.

Keane, who graduated in 2003 with a degree in English, stresses the personal touch of her business.

Unlike some companies, Keane deals with customers face to face.

Keane and the customer choose a time and place for her to pick up the customer's CDs and iPod. Approximately two to four days later, Keane personally returns the CDs and fully loaded iPod.

HungryPod also came to the rescue for Steve Muskat, a 49-year-old shoe company owner in New York City, when he received an iPod for Christmas.

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He heard about HungryPod from his nephew who had previously used Keane's services.

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Photo illustration by Andrew DeCicco

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But not for long.

Last December, Keane got a call from a reporter at The New York Times who had seen a HungryPod ad.

"I thought it was a joke that one of my friends from high school was behind it," Keane said.

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"I was definitely really excited and knew it would generate a lot of business," she said. "It was a real stroke of luck."

The timing didn't hurt either. According to MacNews, 4.5 million iPods were sold just in the months leading up to Christmas.

Since December, HungryPod has also been featured on a local morning show "Today in New York," and in New York Magazine.

The media attention isn't the only new territory for Keane. Because of HungryPod, she created a Web site for the first time, applied for a business certificate and opened a business bank account.

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Students Share At Symposium

Two-Day Event To Showcase English Majors' Individual Work

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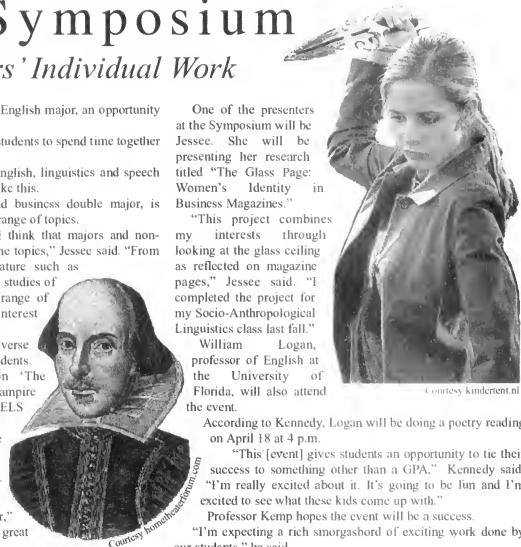
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According to Scanlon, there is no prerequisite for the course because there aren't a lot of classes offered in the subject.

"I regularly do have students from a bunch of majors in that class because there isn't much else like it now in the catalogue," Scanlon said.

The Asian-American literature course was developed by Scanlon for the University of Mary Washington. She said there will be no big papers, but there will be several small pieces that add up to about 25 pages of written work. The class will mostly be taught in large or small group discussions.

Computing in the 21st Century

Another new course that is being offered next fall is the brand new computer science course, Computing in the 21st Century. The class will be taught by Associate Professor Marsha Zaidman, the computer science department chair.

The course, which will be offered to students of all majors, will deal primarily with computer aspects of security, privacy, ethics, intellectual property rights, health, access and the environment and emerging technologies.

"We wanted a class where we could expose incoming students to a broad area of computing, not just programming," Zaidman said. "In the first week of class, we will do a presentation on how to take care of your own computer and why it is important to do backup, what a virus detector is and what other kinds of maintenance you should do regularly."

According to Zaidman, the department hopes to add new students to the major who may not have thought about it before.

"I think that the students will learn to appreciate both the benefits and the danger of computing," Zaidman said. "As different issues evolve through their lifetime, they'll have a better sense of how to evaluate them."

The class will be designated as speaking intensive, and many of the grades will come from presentations done within the class.

Alumna Fills iPods For Living In NYC

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will continue to garner business in an industry that seems to have few return customers.

"I don't cultivate customers," she said. "I hope it's a positive experience for them and that they will tell others about it."

Some clients do return, though,

— Steve Muskat

It's a brilliant, brilliant concept, especially for someone like me. I'm busy, technologically challenged and lazy.

— Steve Muskat

Scene

Emotion Fuels Roller Coaster Of Musical Genre

By KATY HERSHBERGER
Scene Editor

It might be awkward for a singer-songwriter to take musical advice from the father of a rap superstar, but it seemed to work out well for Octone recording artist Michael Tolcher when he met Mutulu Shakur, Tupac's father.

Shakur, political activist and inmate at Atlanta Federal Penitentiary where Tolcher's father was the resident chaplain inspired Tolcher to pursue a formal music career.

"We met during a time when I was trying to make a decision between joining the business or remaining a freelance artist," Tolcher said in a phone interview from North Carolina. "He encouraged me to make a global impact. He encouraged me to sign a record deal."

Shakur's guidance paid off, as Tolcher's debut album, "I Am," has sold over 50,000 copies nationwide. His song "Sooner or Later" was the theme for the now-canceled ABC teen drama "Life As We Know It." Tolcher does not want his career to be defined by the show, but does not mind ABC using his song for it.

"I try not to decide how my art is going to be heard, I try to just let it go," he said. "As long as I don't see an evil intention behind it, I don't have a problem with my song being played."

Tolcher is excited to play at the University of Mary Washington on April 4.

"I'm really psyched to play in Fredericksburg because I have a musical history there," he said.

This musical history was constructed early in his career when

he would stop and spend the night in Fredericksburg on the way to Washington, D.C. During these brief visits, he played in downtown such as the Kenmore Inn.

"I hear all legends start there at the Kenmore Inn," he said.

Tolcher, whose mother attended Mary Washington, is influenced not just by other music, but by a broad spectrum of sound.

"Anything that makes a noise influences my music," he said. "Animals, other artists, probably even machines. The things that I create are based on the things that I hear. Anything I hear goes into my pool of knowledge about sound, melodies, chords. I think it all influences."

It is fitting that Tolcher is inspired by abstract sources rather than definable music because he does not own a CD player or collection of CDs.

"Don't listen to a whole lot of music," he said. "I hear enough of it at shows. I like to take a break from rhythm and melody."

Despite his eclectic influences, Tolcher is compared with other singer-songwriters such as John Mayer.

"I understand where people draw their comparisons from... It doesn't bother me, I understand that we are two men who play acoustic guitar," he said.

Tolcher uses his acoustic guitar to write songs that are a lyrical driven combination of pop, rock and soul. He says most of his songs come from his life, but they are philosophical and not limited to a single experience.

Tolcher will join Jem and Gavin DeGraw for their show next week, sponsored by Giant Productions. He is looking forward to seeing DeGraw, who he has toured with before.

"Gavin and I are just a good fit, our styles are similar, our audiences are similar [and] our personalities are similar," he said.

Tolcher has also played with artists such as Collective Soul, Ingram Hill, Michelle Branch, Everclear and George Clinton and P-Funk.

The tone of Tolcher's live show cannot be described in one word.

"It's a kind of a roller coaster of emotion, excitement, seriousness, lightheartedness," he said. "There's some clowning. It's kind of the full ride of emotion. We do slow, hip-hop, rock, angry, funny."

These varied attributes no doubt provide for interesting tour stories, but Tolcher keeps his lips sealed when it comes to anecdotes from his concerts. He did, however, offer one suggestion for learning about what happens when he is on tour.

"If you come [to a show], you might be a part of it," he said.

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Courtesy Gavin DeGraw

Gavin DeGraw (above), Michael Tolcher (right), and Jem (not pictured) will perform at the University of Mary Washington on Monday, April 4. Michael Tolcher has a close tie to UMW because his mother attended here as an undergraduate.



Courtesy Michael Tolcher

Pull Up A Chair And Tune In

By ZACH BOWMAN
Assistant Scene Editor

On Monday, April 4 the University of Mary Washington will be treated to three nationally known artists. Giant Productions is presenting Jem, Gavin DeGraw and Michael Tolcher.

According to an e-mail interview with student manager of Giant Productions junior Mandy Gabriel, a good bit of work has gone into getting the three talents to UMW. Originally Giant Productions was looking to bring DeGraw to campus last semester, but scheduling conflicts arose.

"When it came time to find something for the spring semester I called our booking agency found that [DeGraw] would be touring

through our area around April and jumped at the opportunity to bring him to Mary Washington," Gabriel said.

Fortunately for students, DeGraw is currently on a sponsored tour with Jen and Tolcher.

"We are lucky to have been able to get these fantastic up-and-coming artists," Gabriel said.

Jen, the Welsh-born singer-songwriter began writing as early as 13 and since then has worked with music greats such as electronic producer Guy Sigsworth and Madonna.

Jen released her debut album in March of last year. The album, "Finally Woken," found its way onto American airwaves through

Los Angeles, influential radio stations and has taken off from there.

The 10-track disc is an intoxicating mesh of hip-hop beats and hauntingly seductive vocals laced with electronic samples. The effect is a soulful concoction that begs for windows down summer nights and any excuse to dance, even for the most desperately rhythmically challenged.

New York's DeGraw has been playing piano since age 8 and briefly studied music at the Berklee School of Music. DeGraw built a solid fan base in New York in the late '90s before signing onto J Records. The same label represents well knowns such as Santana and Alicia Keys.

His debut album "Chariot" is marked by optimistic vocals and piano work that pulls the listener through each track.

The national show will draw quite a crowd to UMW, but Giant Productions is prepared.

"We are expecting a large turnout for the concert and to ensure that each person enjoys the event, every detail has to be carefully planned," Gabriel said.

Top 3 Movies

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1. "Guess Who"



2. "Miss Congeniality 2"



3. "Ring Two"

New CDs This Week

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Duran Duran: "Greatest"

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Two In One-Act

By STEPHANIE SKY
Staff Writer

After taking a two-year break from performing in New York City to raise her adopted son here in Fredericksburg, Cathy Derecki, director of web communications, will be back in action Thursday, March 31 with her one-act play “Get Over Yourself.”

The one-act play will be performed by Derecki and her husband, Noel Derecki. Both performers will be playing several roles throughout the play.

“Get Over Yourself” takes place in a psychiatrist’s office. There a woman, the main character of the play is “talking about issues with her father to get a healthier relationship with men and ultimately with herself,” Derecki said.

Derecki will be playing the lead role in the play as the woman in the psychiatrists’ office, as well as the woman as a child, and the woman’s mother.

“Sort of the past present and future for this woman,” Derecki said.

Derecki’s husband will be playing the psychologist, the father and a boy from the woman’s past that she knew in high school.

The one-act play will be performed in the Underground at 8:30 p.m. The length will range from about an hour to an hour and 15 minutes. There is no admission charge.

The play will be a mixture of live performances and pre-recorded video that is a part of the plot.

“I needed to work in costume changes somehow,” Derecki said.

Despite the fact that Derecki and her husband are the only actors in this play, Derecki was the one who actually wrote the play.

“I wrote all the music and the dialogue. Of course now that it’s finished he’s suggesting changes,” said Derecki, when asked if her husband had any say in the production of the play.

Derecki lived in New York City for 21 years and did a lot of performing and sketch comedy during that time. She and a performance group she was in played in “Bitter End” in the Village and they also performed at the Red Room on West 42nd Street.

She met her husband when he showed up for an audition for a musical called “Trust Me” that she co-wrote.

“We moved to Fredericksburg for a family and to get a straight job,” Derecki said. “We adopted a boy about two years ago, and now that he’s older, we can get back into performing.”

Back in the ‘90s, Derecki did a one-woman show called “Busy Being Beautiful.” It was more of a musical review with monologues and songs.

She traveled to colleges, mostly ones with strong women’s studies programs, and performed for the students there.

Although this is the first time she is putting on a play at the University of Mary Washington, Derecki would like “Get Over Yourself” to be a premiere performance.



Courtesy umw.edu

Cathy Derecki stars as the lead role in the one-act play “Get Over Yourself.”

“I would like to do this more frequently,” Derecki said.

Derecki had the help of several students in order to make her one-act play a success. Her play was directed by senior Brandon Kane Redden, freshman Jeff Zeiders made all the musical arrangements, and the sounds and lighting were done by senior Dana Ferriera.

“I was commissioned by Cathy to arrange and perform five of the songs in the show,” Zeiders said. “I took her basic song layouts and made them performance ready.”

The songs that Zeiders arranged included smooth jazz, vaudeville, rock, pop, and, according to Zeiders, “a very impressive ballad.”

“The music within the play is perfect for the various tones and humorous styles the show thrives on,” Zeiders said.

According to Zeiders, Derecki has a marvelous sense of wit and humor that he is certain will make this one-act play a success.

“After reading the script and various lyrics she wrote for the show, I was more than excited to be working on the project,” Zeiders said. “I also think it is significant that she is playing the focal character in the show. This is her baby.”

Derecki is very confident that her play will do wonderfully.

“I am feeling very positive about this and I hope it will pack the Underground.”

Because her one-act play is part of Women’s History Month, Derecki hopes that UMW students, especially the women, will help open their eyes a little bit.

“To truly become empowered, a woman’s hurts must eventually be replaced by something more grown up,” Derecki said. “Essentially, a real understanding and a true acceptance and deep forgiveness, essentially of ourselves.”

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"There is a living wage rally on April 8," Samsel said. "All are welcome, we will be in front of George Washington Hall on April 8 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. We are at a crucial point in our campaign and we need people to show their support."

Speakers at the living wage rally on April 8 include a Georgetown student, a participant in the

living wage hunger strike at Georgetown University, as well as Joe Thornhill, a Mary Washington alumni professionally involved in workers' rights, will be speaking.

"I was one of the 26 students that participated in the nine-day hunger strike," she said. "We were happy that the administration finally recognized workers rights as an issue that they were willing to acknowledge and try to improve."

Georgetown University is one of a number of schools nationwide that have adopted the living wage for their workers.

According to Steven Greenlaw, professor of economics at the University of Mary Washington,

a standard way to compute the living wage is to calculate 125 percent of the poverty line for a family of four and compare that with a budget using the average cost of one-third of the total living cost to find a realistic living wage for the Fredericksburg area.

The Mary Washington living wage campaign is seeking to increase the wage for on campus workers to \$9.54 an hour, an increase of about \$1.50 an hour.

While Samsel sees the issue as a moral issue, and Hurley sees the living wage issue as for the general assembly, one senior is questioning whether the issue is merely in need of a reallocation of University funds.

"This is really bad timing, Anderson's salary just increased to \$278,000, and we can't afford to give the on campus workers a raise of a dollar an hour?" Brad Ester, a senior University of Mary Washington student asked. "Plus you have the fact that we have been focusing on diversity on campus and many of these workers are black and Hispanic. Are they also not members of our campus community?"

The living wage campaign has recently been showing a strong presence on campus, picketing the Board of Visitors meeting, sending a petition on the issue of the living wage to be read at the Board of Visitors meeting, and are making plans to send a signed petition expressing the concern of the Mary Washington community over the issue of the living wage to be sent to the Virginia General Assembly.

"We are a grassroots movement," said Samsel. "But that does not mean we can't make a change."

Georgetown University Living Wage Protesters Go On Hunger Strike

By STACY HORNE
Staff Writer

How many college students does it take to get a policy change? At Georgetown University, the answer is 26 if they are willing to starve themselves. And that's exactly what they did.

For nine days, 26 Georgetown students subsisted on water and juice and rallied in "Red Square," the free speech zone at the University in an attempt to get higher wages for contract workers. During that time, two students were sent to area hospitals and there was discussion as to whether or not the rest could continue, according to senior Diane Foglizzo who lost 10 pounds in nine days.

In the end, the students got what they were asking for. "The final contract was a tiny bit different from our original intent but it was very close and we think it's great," Foglizzo said.

The living wage coalition at Georgetown has

president of public affairs and strategic planning, and a representative of the labor movement in D.C.

"We went over the final proposal and got clarification on a couple of points," Foglizzo said. "Plus it was time to do a little fence mending," she added.

As far as getting back to normal life after hunger, Foglizzo said she's good.

"It's a little hard adjusting to life while eating again, but I'm feeling pretty great," she said.

The living wage coalition is not exclusive to Georgetown. Members of a human rights club here at UMW started a coalition on campus to address many of the same issues as those at Georgetown. Junior Aaron Samsel is one of those students. Samsel said he and five to ten other students meet every Thursday to discuss wages and other issues concerning UMW workers.

"We're talking about at least 50 people, and that doesn't include contract workers at Seacobeck and the Eagles Nest. They are contracted by a private company and get no benefits so they are more insecure," Samsel said.

Unlike the coalition at Georgetown, the group

at UMW doesn't have a specific dollar amount that they would like to see the workers get.

"For the Fredericksburg area, we would like to see a wage of \$10 to \$11 per hour. That would be an increase of about two to three thousand dollars per year for the lowest paid workers," Samsel added.

UMW students rally at Board of Visitors meetings and hand out pamphlets urging better wages for workers. In the past, Samsel said the administration has tried to redirect the students to take their concerns to the

general assembly. They also suggested that students could help workers by helping them prepare their taxes. Samsel said that is not enough.

As a result, the local coalition will be holding a rally on April 8 at noon in front of GW. Samsel has talked with Georgetown students who participated in the hunger strike who plan on being here April 8 to speak about their experience and try to get something accomplished at UMW.

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According to students, parts of the stairway first collapsed last semester.

"Sometime during the first semester weathering was pulling the wall down," freshman David Glover said. "But I'm sure the actual dismantling was done by somebody."

The wall crumbled in additional places last week.

"Thursday [the wall] fell again, a little part of it crumbled," said Lawson-Stoops. "They put up these barriers but I think people just threw the barriers down the hill."

According to students, barriers were put in place to prevent students from walking in the damaged areas of the walkway.

"Friday, I think someone kicked out both the barriers and a small part of the wall," Dexter said.

The students living in Russell Hall are making light of the situation.

"[The wall] looks pretty unstable and it's an on-going joke with the people in Russell," Dexter said. "We're betting on when it will fall."

According to Edward Alvey's book, "The History of Mary Washington College," Russell Hall and the adjoining stairs were built in 1965.

According to the building plans, the sections of the stairs that are crumbling will be torn down and replaced using the original bricks. The area around the stairs will be renovated to prevent soil erosion and further damage to the staircase.

Russell Hall is not the only structure on campus in need of repair, according to Wiltenmuth.

"Many of our brick structures are overdue for maintenance of different types-masonry repainting, joint and window caulking, etc.," Wiltenmuth said.

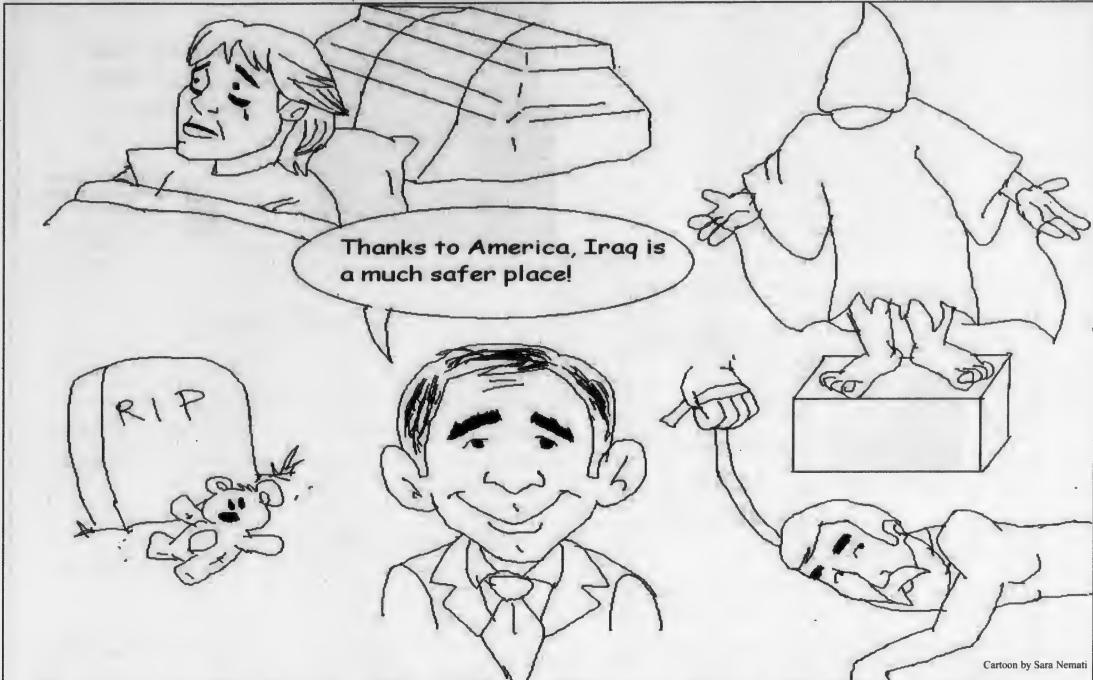
Russell Ramp To Be Renovated



A reinforced plywood section of the Russell Hall walkway.

Hayley Amey/Bullet

Viewpoints



Cartoon by Sara Nemati

Anarchist Calls For End To War

This letter was written in response to "Understanding The War" (March 24, 2005, *The Bullet*).

Dear Editor:

The two letters in last week's *Bullet* that address Patrick McGowan's letter contain many accusations about anarchist theory and the anti-war stances of some students on this campus. The comments were very varied and could be replied to at great length; long editorial wars are not my goal, however, so I will simply set some facts straight about our theories about the war and our intentions at the rally.

Christian Deegan clearly demonstrates his lack of understanding of the nature of modern imperialism when he asks how a supposedly imperialist power could support an election. This is about as clear an example of imperialism as can be found. No imperialist power wants to be viewed as such, and a good way to make an occupation look legitimate is to hold an election.

The election was declared unfair in a statement by the People's List, the only major list that was multi-ethnic in membership, because nearly one-third of the people of Iraq were unable to participate in the elections due to effects directly stemming from the occupation, such as ruined infrastructure and

continued violence, leading to a gross under-representation of certain sectors of Iraqi society.

Both letters seem to assume that the Iraqi people support the American occupation and its ultimate objectives. If this was the case, then the sustained guerrilla resistance campaign of the insurgents against the occupation and the forces that perpetuate it would be impossible, for no guerrilla force can exist without the active, popular support of the people around it. This support is evidenced by continued insurgency, and also in Iraqi support of many candidates in the election who criticize America's presence.

When Deegan says that the anarchist criticism of the war "smacks of paternalism," he fails to say how.

In reality it his argument that "smacks of paternalism" for what is more paternalistic than to claim that one group of people needs another group to pick and choose their government for them?

He then claims that the occupiers are there for the sake of the occupied. The fact is that there is no occupation for the sake of the occupied. If the occupied wanted the "liberation" that has been given to them, in whatever form that "liberation" might take, then there would be no need for the occupation because the occupied would not be resisting the "liberation."

I am not suggesting that the Iraqi people would prefer to live under the tyranny of Saddam Hussein, but that they would like the ability to determine their own government themselves, without a foreign occupier to select their choices for them.

Deegan goes on to claim that McGowan expressed extreme paranoia in suggesting that the defense industry and other economic interests might possibly have influence over the actions of the government. It is obvious that the most powerful industries in a country have influence over the actions of that country's government, especially when those in control of these industries are also among the largest campaign contributors to those in office. To state this is not paranoia, it is fact. To argue otherwise would be like arguing that hunger has no effect on one's decision to eat.

As to the argument criticizing the anarchists for their unwillingness to fight tyranny, it is clearly false when one simple look at history would show that anarchists are always the first, and many times the only, ones who fight for freedom, both for themselves and for everyone else.

Anarchists resisted the fascists in Spain, fought both the czars and the Bolsheviks in Russia, and have organized for the sake of greater equality and democracy in every corner of the world at all times of history since the

foundation of their theory nearly 200 years ago.

I carried my sign calling for an end to the war, and to war in general, not to say that Iraqi lives are worthless, but because I believe they should have the right to determine their own government, or lack thereof, free from our intervention. It is not the right of the U.S. government to tell people how they should choose to govern themselves.

Deegan was right when he said we have an obligation to help Iraqis, we have an obligation to rebuild the nation we destroyed in two wars and continue destroying by our military presence. The best way to do this is to withdraw now to stop further destruction of the country. More buildings have been destroyed, and more civilians have been killed by the American military than by insurgents. While these deaths were surely not intentional, they are also not forgettable or forgivable.

Again, there are more misrepresentations of the war in Iraq, anarchist theory, and anarchist anti-war stance in Deegan and John Kelly's letters, but I have limited my response to a few key points.

If you have any more questions or comments about anarchism, the war in Iraq or other political and social topics, I invite you to come to our meetings.

Philip Arnone is a junior.

Know Your Options: E.C.

BY KATHERINE LOWRY
Guest Columnist

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the average American woman of reproductive age spends three decades of her life avoiding pregnancy. Contraception plays an essential part in many women's lives who desire to control their family size and when they want to become pregnant.

Of course, no contraceptive method is 100 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, nor is contraception used correctly 100 percent of the time.

Additionally, not all sexual encounters are voluntary. One in four American female college students is raped at least once during her academic career.

Because of the possibilities of both contraceptive failure and sexual assault, wouldn't it be great to have a way to prevent pregnancy after sex? Two words — emergency contraception, or E.C.

What is E.C.? They're pills that contain a higher dose of hormones than regular brands of oral birth control. After unprotected sex, these

hormones work to prevent pregnancy in one of three ways: retarding or preventing ovulation, preventing fertilization, or preventing implantation of the fertilized egg in the uterus. If taken in the first 72 hours after sexual intercourse, E.C. can reduce your chances of getting pregnant by 89 percent. E.C. can also be taken as late as five days after unprotected sex and still offer a better chance of preventing pregnancy than by doing nothing at all.

Most importantly, E.C. cannot terminate a pregnancy that is already established; it only prevents one from occurring. E.C. is not the same as medical abortion.

E.C. does not prevent STDs and should only be used as a backup plan in case normal methods of contraception fail or are not used at all.

Most women are able to take E.C. without serious side effects, but everyone should talk to their doctor if E.C. is a good backup plan for them.

And since time is an issue of how

effective E.C. can work to prevent a pregnancy, it's a good idea to ask your doctor if you can get a prescription in advance.

Never heard of emergency contraception until now? That's not surprising. Half of American college health centers do not offer E.C.

And for those health centers that do dispense E.C. more than one third do not publicize they're availability.

E.C. is considered the "best-kept secret" in women's health even though in 2000, E.C. prevented over 50,000 abortions. Although E.C. is perfectly safe for most women, legislatures and the FDA have sought to limit timely access to E.C. for women. Because E.C. like any other form of birth control, prevents pregnancy it has fallen into various avenues of controversy.

In addition, refusal clauses allowing pharmacists to deny "on moral or ethical grounds" to fill patient's birth control prescriptions are creating conflict as to

whether or not a pharmacist has the right to take his or her beliefs over the well-being of their patients.

In both 2004 and early 2005, the FDA had rejected to make E.C. available over the counter against the recommendations of 70 medical advisory committees. In 2004, after complaints from students and alumni, the Board of Visitors of James Madison University reinstated E.C. at their health center by a vote of 10 to 2.

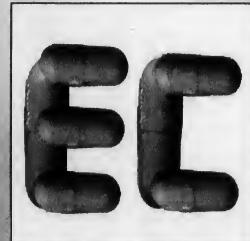
In the same year, the Virginia House of Delegates proposed a bill that would force all public colleges and universities in Virginia to stop dispensing E.C. in their student health centers. Last year, Del. Robert Marshall (R-13th District) claimed easy access would turn college women into "chemical love canes for frat house playboys."

Fortunately for UMW students, our health center both writes and fills prescriptions for E.C. in exchange for a mandatory pregnancy test and a \$10 charge.

The student health center is not open on the weekends, breaks or after 6:30 p.m. on weekdays, even though sexual assault and unprotected sex happens do not follow the same hours.

Women can also get their E.C. prescriptions filled at local pharmacies and women's centers.

Katherine Lowry is a sophomore.



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"There is a living wage rally on April 8," Samsel said. "All are welcome, we will be in front of George Washington Hall on April 8 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. We are at a crucial point in our campaign and we need people to show their support."

Speakers at the living wage rally on April 8 include a Georgetown student, a participant in the

living wage hunger strike at Georgetown University, as well as Joe Thomhill, a Mary Washington alumna professionally involved in workers' rights, will be speaking.

"I was one of the 26 students that participated in the nine-day hunger strike," she said. "We were happy that the administration finally recognized workers rights as an issue that they were willing to acknowledge and try to improve."

Georgetown University is one of a number of schools nationwide who have adopted the living wage for their workers.

According to Steven Greenlaw, professor of economics at the University of Mary Washington,

a standard way to compute the living wage is to calculate 125 percent of the poverty line for a family of four and compare that with a budget using the average cost of rent, as one-third of the total living cost to find a realistic living wage for the Fredericksburg area.

The Mary Washington living wage campaign is seeking to increase the wage for on campus workers to \$9.54 an hour, an increase of about \$1.50 an hour.

While Samsel sees the issue as a moral issue, and Hurley sees the living wage issue as for the general assembly, one senior is questioning whether the issue is merely in need of a reallocation of University funds.

"This is really bad timing," Anderson's salary just increased to \$278,000, and we can't afford to give the on campus workers a raise of a dollar an hour?" Brad Ester, a senior University of Mary Washington student asked. "Plus you have the fact that we have been focusing on diversity on campus and many of these workers are black and Hispanic. Are they not also members of our campus community?"

The living wage campaign has recently been showing a strong presence on campus, picketing the Board of Visitors meeting, sending a petition on the issue of the living wage to the Board of Visitors meeting, and are making plans to send a signed petition expressing the concern of the Mary Washington community over the issue of the living wage to be sent to the Virginia General Assembly.

"We are a grassroots movement," said Samsel. "But that does not mean we can't make a change."

Georgetown University Living Wage Protesters Go On Hunger Strike

By STACY HORNE
Staff Writer

How many college students does it take to get a policy change? At Georgetown University, the answer is 26 if they are willing to starve themselves. And that's exactly what they did.

For nine days, 26 Georgetown students subsisted on water and juice and rallied in "Red Square," the free speech zone at the University in an attempt to get higher wages for contract workers. During that time, two students were sent to area hospitals and there was discussion as to whether or not the rest could continue, according to senior Diane Foglizzo who lost 10 pounds in nine days.

In the end, the students got what they were asking for. "The final contract was a tiny bit different from our original intent but it was very close and we think it's great," Foglizzo said.

The living wage coalition at Georgetown has

only been around since last fall but it grew out of another group, called the Georgetown Solidarity Committee, which is about 3 years old. Foglizzo said the coalition is a more broad-based, campus wide group. The group meets with workers to discuss concerns and has even suggested in the past that they unionize.

The outcome of the strike makes that unnecessary. The proposal called for an increase of more than \$1 per hour by July and another dollar by July of 2007. It also stipulates the workers' right to organize and access to other benefits.

After an agreement was reached last Wednesday, Foglizzo said that student's ran around the campus to tell the workers that they had won. "The workers were jumping up and down," she said. "They were very excited."

Students also had a meeting with Georgetown president John J. DeGioia as well as the University's senior vice president, the vice

president of public affairs and strategic planning, and a representative of the labor movement in D.C.

"We went over the final proposal and got clarification on a couple of points," Foglizzo said. "Plus, it was time to do a little fence mending," she added.

As far as getting back to normal life after hunger, Foglizzo said she's good.

"It's a little hard adjusting to life while eating again, but I'm feeling pretty great," she said.

The living wage coalition is not exclusive to Georgetown. Members of a human rights club here at UMW started a coalition on campus to address many of the same issues as those at Georgetown. Junior Aaron Samsel is one of those students. Samsel said he and five to ten other students meet every Thursday to discuss wages and other issues concerning UMW workers.

"We're talking about at least 50 people, and that doesn't include contract workers at Seacobeck and the Eagles Nest. They are contracted by a private company and get no benefits so they are more insecure," Samsel said.

Unlike the coalition at Georgetown, the group at UMW doesn't have a specific dollar amount that they would like to see the workers get.

"For the Fredericksburg area, we would like to see a wage of \$10 to \$11 per hour. That would be an increase of about two to three thousand dollars per year for the lowest paid workers," Samsel added.

UMW students rally at Board of Visitors meetings and hand out pamphlets urging better wages for workers. In the past, Samsel said the administration has tried to redirect the students to take their concerns to the general assembly. They also suggested that students could help workers by helping them prepare their taxes. Samsel said that is not enough.

As a result, the local coalition will be holding a rally on April 8 at noon in front of GW. Samsel has talked with Georgetown students who participated in the hunger strike who plan on being here April 8 to speak about their experience and try to get something accomplished at UMW.

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—Brad Ester

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—Diane Foglizzo

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According to students, parts of the stairway first collapsed last semester.

"Sometime during the first semester weathering was pulling the wall down," freshman David Glover said. "But I'm sure the actual dismantling was done by somebody."

The wall crumbled in additional places last week.

"Thursday [the wall] fell again, a little part of it crumbled," said Lawson-Stoops. "They put up these barriers but I think people just threw the barriers down the hill."

According to students, barriers were put in place to prevent students from walking in the damaged areas of the walkway.

"Friday, I think someone kicked out both the barriers and a small part of the wall," Dexter said.

The students living in Russell Hall are making light of the situation.

"[The wall] looks pretty unstable and it's an on-going joke with the people in Russell," Dexter said. "We're betting on when it will fall."

According to Edward Alvey's book, "The History of Mary Washington College," Russell Hall and the adjoining stairs were built in 1965.

According to the building plans, the sections of the stairs that are crumbling will be torn down and replaced using the original bricks. The area around the stairs will be renovated to prevent soil erosion and further damage to the staircase.

Russell Hall is not the only structure on campus in need of repair, according to Wiltenmuth.

"Many of our brick structures are overdue for maintenance of different types-masonry repainting, joint and window caulking, etc.," Wiltenmuth said.

Russell Ranch To Be Renovated



A reinforced plywood section of the Russell Hall walkway.

Hayley Amey-Bullet

Viewpoints



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Anarchist Calls For End To War

This letter was written in response to "Understanding The War" (March 24, 2005, *The Bullet*).

Dear Editor:

The two letters in last week's *Bullet* that address Patrick McGowan's letter contain many accusations about anarchist theory and the anti-war stances of some students on this campus. The comments were very varied and could be replied to at great length; long editorial wars are not my goal, however, so I will simply set some facts straight about our theories about the war and our intentions at the rally.

Christie Deegan clearly demonstrates his lack of understanding of the nature of modern imperialism when he asks how a supposedly imperialist power could support an election. This is about as clear an example of imperialism as can be found. No imperialist power wants to be viewed as such, and a good way to make an occupation look legitimate is to hold an election.

The election was declared unfair in a statement by the People's List, the only major list that was multi-ethnic in membership, because nearly one-third of the people of Iraq were unable to participate in the elections due to effects directly stemming from the occupation, such as ruined infrastructure and

continued violence, leading to a gross under-representation of certain sectors of Iraqi society.

Both letters seem to assume that the Iraqi people support the American occupation and its ultimate objectives. If this was the case, then the sustained guerrilla resistance campaign of the insurgents against the occupation and the forces that perpetuate it would be impossible, for no guerrilla force can exist without the active, popular support of the people around it. This support is evidenced by continued insurgency, and also in Iraqi support of many candidates in the election who criticize America's presence.

When Deegan says that the anarchist criticism of the war "smacks of paternalism," he fails to say how.

In reality it his argument that "smacks of paternalism," for what is more paternalistic than to claim that one group of people needs another group to pick and choose their government for them?

He then claims that the occupiers are there for the sake of the occupied. The fact is that there is no occupation for the sake of the occupied. If the occupied wanted the "liberation" that has been given to them, in whatever form that "liberation" might take, then there would be no need for the occupation because the occupied would not be resisting the "liberation."

I am not suggesting that the Iraqi people would prefer to live under the tyranny of Saddam Hussein, but that they would like the ability to determine their own government themselves, without a foreign occupier to select their choices for them.

Deegan goes on to claim that McGowan expressed extreme paranoia in suggesting that the defense industry and other economic interests might possibly have influence over the actions of the government. It is obvious that the most powerful industries in a country have influence over the actions of that country's government, especially when those in control of these industries are also among the largest campaign contributors to those in office. To state this is not paranoia, it is fact. To argue otherwise would be like arguing that hunger has no effect on one's decision to eat.

As to the argument criticizing the anarchists for their unwillingness to fight tyranny, it is clearly false when one simple look at history shows that anarchists are always the first, and many times the only, ones who fight for freedom, both for themselves and for everyone else.

Anarchists resisted the fascists in Spain, fought both the czars and the Bolsheviks in Russia, and have organized for the sake of greater equality and democracy in every corner of the world at all times of history since the

foundation of their theory nearly 200 years ago.

I carried my sign calling for an end to the war, and to war in general, not to say that Iraqi lives are worthless, but because I believe they should have the right to determine their own government, or lack thereof, free from our intervention. It is not the right of the U.S. government to tell people how they should choose to govern themselves.

Deegan was right when he said we have an obligation to help Iraqis, we have an obligation to rebuild the nation we destroyed in two wars and continue destroying by our military presence. The best way to do this is to withdraw now to stop further destruction of the country. More buildings have been destroyed, and more civilians have been killed by the American military than by insurgents. While these deaths were surely not intentional, they are also not forgettable or forgivable.

Again, there are more misrepresentations of the war in Iraq, anarchist theory, and anarchist anti-war stance in Deegan and John Kelly's letters, but I have limited my response to a few key points.

If you have any more questions or comments about anarchism, the war in Iraq or other political and social topics, I invite you to come to our meetings.

Philip Arnone is a junior.

Know Your Options: E.C.

By KATHERINE LOWRY
Guest Columnist

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the average American woman of reproductive age spends three decades of her life avoiding pregnancy. Contraception plays an essential part in many women's lives who desire to control their family size and when they want to become pregnant.

Of course, no contraceptive method is 100 percent effective preventing pregnancy, nor is contraception used correctly 100 percent of the time.

Additionally, not all sexual encounters are voluntary. One in four American female college students is raped at least once during her academic career.

Because of the possibilities of both contraceptive failure and sexual assault, wouldn't it be great to have a way to prevent pregnancy after sex? Two words — emergency contraception, or E.C.

What is E.C.? They're pills that contain a higher dose of hormones than regular brands of oral birth control. After unprotected sex, these

hormones work to prevent pregnancy in one of three ways: retarding or preventing ovulation, preventing fertilization, or preventing implantation of the fertilized egg in the uterus. If taken in the first 72 hours after sexual intercourse, E.C. can reduce your chances of getting pregnant by 89 percent. E.C. can also be taken as late as five days after unprotected sex and still offer a better chance of preventing pregnancy than by doing nothing at all.

Most importantly, E.C. cannot terminate a pregnancy that is already established; it only prevents one from occurring. E.C. is not the same as medical abortion.

E.C. does not prevent STDs and should only be used as a backup plan in case normal methods of contraception fail or are not used at all.

Most women are able to take E.C. without serious side effects, but everyone should talk to their doctor if E.C. is a good backup plan for them.

And since time is an issue of how

effective E.C. can work to prevent a pregnancy, it's a good idea to ask your doctor if you can get a prescription in advance.

Never heard of emergency contraception until now? That's not surprising. Half of American college health centers do not offer E.C.

And for those health centers that do dispense E.C. more than one third do not publicize they're availability.

E.C. is considered the "best-kept secret" in women's health even though in 2000, E.C. prevented over 50,000 abortions. Although E.C. is perfectly safe for most women, legislatures

and the FDA have sought to limit timely access to E.C. for women. Because E.C. is like any other form of birth control, prevents pregnancy if it has fallen into various avenues of controversy.

In addition, refusal clauses allowing pharmacists to deny "on moral or ethical grounds" to fill patient's birth control prescriptions are creating conflict as to

whether or not a pharmacist has the right to take his or her beliefs over the well-being of their patients.

In both 2004 and early 2005, the FDA had rejected to make E.C. available over the counter against the recommendations of 70 medical advisory committees. In 2004, after complaints from students and alumni, the Board of Visitors of James Madison University reinstated E.C. at their health center by a vote of 10 to 2.

In the same year, the Virginia House of Delegates proposed a bill that would force all public colleges and universities in Virginia to stop dispensing E.C. in their student health centers. Last year, Del. Robert Marshall (R-13th District) claimed easy access would turn college women into "chemical love canals for frat house playboys."

Fortunately for UMW students, our health center both writes and fills prescriptions for E.C. in exchange for a mandatory pregnancy test and a \$10 charge.

The student health center is not open on the weekends, breaks or after 6:30 p.m. on weekdays, even though sexual assault and unprotected sex happens do not follow the same hours.

Women can also get their E.C. prescriptions filled at local pharmacies and women's centers.

Katherine Lowry is a sophomore.



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Women Have Historic Season

By DAVE BUSCHENFELDT
Sports Editor

The University of Mary Washington women's basketball team had a disappointing season under first-year head coach Deena Applebury in 2003-04, finishing with a record of 12-13. Applebury and her returning players knew that they would have a better season this year, but none of them could have imagined how much success they would enjoy.

"I knew that we were going to turn heads, but I honestly didn't expect us to do that well," said sophomore Debbie Bruen. "But then when we realized that we could, we just kept on going."

The women did more than just turn heads — they had the best season in the 35-year history of the women's basketball program at UMW. The Eagles finished with a record of 23-7, won the Capital Athletic Conference Championship for the first time, and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Applebury credited the team's cohesion for the turnaround.

"The kids just really got along," she said. "One through 14, they were like best friends. Obviously, that helps us when it comes to being unselfish on the floor and not worrying about minutes and stats. They just played hard, played together, and played well as a team."

The players were more dedicated in the off-season to getting in playing shape and preparing for the long season ahead.

"I think that this year we just had a really good group of girls that all got along really well," said senior Laura Hanks. "The first day we got back to school, we started working out and getting in shape, and I think that helped a lot."

Bruen added, "I think this season we just came in more dedicated from the beginning. We started conditioning early in pre-season and we had so much extra depth."

Applebury recruited six freshmen to the team this year and they came in and made an immediate impact. The freshmen fought with the returning players for starting positions and playing time, forcing everyone to perform at a higher level. The players pushed each other to get better.

"We brought in six freshmen," Applebury said. "That just increased the competition and the kids had to compete every single day and every practice."

Bruen agreed.

"You can't even describe the impact [the freshmen] made," she said. "Whenever they went in, they just contributed greatly."

With her team's added depth and conditioning, Applebury was able to do things that she could

not do last season. The Eagles pressed more, played zone defenses, ran a better motion offense, and were able to push the ball in transition to create easy baskets. This new style worked very well and the women began the season a perfect 8-0.

"After the first five or six games when we started out so well, at that point I knew that we were going to be pretty good," Applebury said.

Surprisingly, the players feel that it was after their first two losses over winter break in Daytona Beach, Fla., that they realized their full potential.

"I've never been on a team that's gotten along so well," Hanks said. "Our trip to Florida was just hysterical. We had a lot of fun down there. That's when I feel like we really learned a lot about each other. Even though we had our first two losses down there, I feel like that was when we got rolling."

After the women returned from Florida, they lost their third straight game at Bridgewater College on Jan. 6. The Eagles did not panic, however, and they proceeded to win their next six in a row. They began the season 7-0 in the CAC, defeating every team in the conference the first time around. When the Eagles beat perennial conference powerhouse Marymount University, they realized that they could compete with every team in the CAC.

The women won five of their final eight games and finished the season tied for first in the CAC with a conference record of 11-3. Due to tiebreakers, the Eagles entered the CAC Tournament as the third seed behind Marymount and Catholic University.

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It was the pinnacle of the career of Hanks, the only senior who had been on the team for four years.

"It was pretty amazing," she said. "I still don't have words for it. It's my senior year. It's all kind of surreal to go from being 5-20 my freshman year to winning a CAC Championship. Getting to cut down the nets was pretty overwhelming."

Bruen enjoyed winning the conference tournament, as well.

"It felt awesome [to win the CAC Championship]," she said. "I think every girl appreciated it. We didn't take it for granted."

After knocking off Salisbury, it was on to the NCAA Tournament for only the third time in UMW women's basketball history. Both Hanks and Bruen admitted that the team was a little nervous heading into

because I was so excited," she said. "It's a great honor. To be able to even be considered for that, let alone get it, is just a great honor. I definitely wasn't expecting that either."

Applebury knows that the team would not have been as successful without its star sophomore.

"Debbie is one of those players who, just when you think that could be her best game of the season, she'd come out and have another game even better," she said. "Every single game, Debbie is so consistent. She led our team in virtually every statistical category. She's a great leader and a great kid."

This was a season that neither Applebury nor her players will ever forget.

"My favorite moments in general would be just to watch the kids grow as individuals and to really watch them change as players and to be able to reach their potential," she said. "They played to compete and played to win every single day."

Hanks and Bruen will miss the good times the team had both on and off the court.

"We all got to be such great friends," Bruen said. "That carried over to the games. Honestly, this was one of the most fun seasons I've ever had. Hopefully next year we'll all be as close and have the same kind of season."

Hanks added, "It was just a great senior year. I couldn't have asked for a better way to end. It was just a really special year."

The Eagles will be losing two seniors to graduation this year — Hanks and Christine Carlisle. The team will not be the same next season without Hanks as its leader.

"[Laura's] leadership is going to be sorely missed," Applebury said. "She was a great leader on and off the court. She lightens the mood in practice. She's got a great sense of humor, great personality. Everybody is going to miss Laura."

Bruen is going to miss her teammate, as well.

"I don't know if we can replace [Laura]," she said. "She basically pulls the team together whether it's on or off the court. She might not have the best statistical game, but if you watch her, she is just a great leader."

The Eagles should be a formidable team in the CAC again next season. They have the majority of their players returning and according to Applebury, four recruits have verbally committed to join the squad. She believes they will have as big an impact as this year's freshmen had. Bruen and Hanks feel the players will all work together and will be even better next season.

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team that would go on to lose in the national championship game. The women are using the experience of losing in the tournament as motivation for next season.

"I know all the girls are working out really hard because we want to make it even farther next year in the NCAA Tournament," Bruen said.

The Eagles were recognized by the CAC for their amazing season. Bruen was named CAC Player of the Year and Applebury was voted Coach of the Year. Applebury was humbled by the award.

"It was an honor," she said. "It's something that I never expected. I have to give all the credit to the kids. They're the ones that go out there and get the job done every day."

Bruen was one of the most important players on this Eagles squad. She was taken by surprise by her award, as well.

"Honestly, I started crying when they told me



Peter Kelley/Bullet

Seniors Mike Mailon and Dustin Yudowitch compete in a relay race at the Battleground Relays.

Track Has Strong Weekend

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cheer for us. We don't always have that."

Also in the track events, the women's 4x800-meter relay team took first with a time of 9:51.40.

In the field events, UMW came in first place in several events. Senior Jamie Thies finished first in the triple jump with a distance of 34 feet, six inches and freshman Carly Hambley was first in the women's high jump at five feet. Graduate student James Eberhardt came in first in both the discus and shot put with throws of 139 feet, three inches and 45 feet, 10.5 inches, respectively. Senior Jared Banks was first in the javelin with a throw of 163 feet, 10 inches.

"It was really nice to have all the hard work I put in over the last four years pay off, especially since it was my last home track meet ever," Banks said of his win. "It was a good stepping stone before the conference meet in two weeks. I'm hoping for a strong performance at conferences."

Sophomore Megan Linn had an outstanding meet as she set a new personal record with a discus throw of 122 feet, six inches to win the hammer throw for the Eagles. Linn also won the hammer throw with a distance of 110 feet, six inches. Teammate Carissa Cubreath was not far behind, finishing second with a throw of 105 feet, one inch.

"The weather this weekend kind of posed a problem for the throwers, but overall it was a really great meet and the team did really well," Linn said.

Banks was pleased with the throwers' performance as well.

"We won five out of the eight events in men's and women's throwing," he said. "As a team, we competed well."

The Eagles were grateful for the competition, as they use these non-scoring meets to prepare for the Capital Athletic Conference tournament at the end of the season.

"This season has had a slow start, but we've seen a lot of improvement, and we look forward to CACs," Soper said.

Linn added, "The CAC Championship is a big goal for us; we've won it several times in the past, and although we have a very young team this year, we look to win again."

The men's team lost the conference championship last season for the first time in the last five years and Banks hopes they can win it again this season.

"We lost our conference championship to Salisbury last year after holding the title for four years," he said. "We want to get it back one last time for Mary Washington before we graduate."

The Eagles will compete at Liberty University next Saturday, one of only two meets left before the CAC Championships.

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"I knew that we were going to turn heads, but I honestly didn't expect us to do that well," said sophomore Debbie Bruen. "But then when we realized we could, we just kept on going."

The women did more than just turn heads — they had the best season in the 35-year history of the women's basketball program at UMW. The Eagles finished with a record of 23-7, won the Capital Athletic Conference Championship for the first time, and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Applebury credited the team's cohesion for the turnaround.

"The kids just really got along," she said. "One through 14, they were like best friends. Obviously, that helps us when it comes to being unselfish on the floor and not worrying about minutes and stats. They just played hard, played together, and played well as a team."

The players were more dedicated in the off-season to getting in playing shape and preparing for the long season ahead.

"I think that this year we just had a really good group of girls that all got along really well," said senior Laura Hanks. "The first day we got back to school, we started working out and getting in shape, and I think that helped a lot."

Bruen added, "I think this season we just came in more dedicated from the beginning. We started conditioning early in pre-season and we had so much extra depth."

Applebury recruited six freshmen to the team this year and they came in and made an immediate impact. The freshmen fought with the returning players for starting positions and playing time, forcing everyone to perform at a higher level. The players pushed each other to get better.

"We brought in six freshmen," Applebury said. "That just increased the competition and the kids had to compete every single day and every practice."

Bruen agreed.

"You can't even describe the impact [the freshmen] made," she said. "Whenever they went in, they just contributed greatly."

With her team's added depth and conditioning, Applebury was able to do things that she could

not do last season. The Eagles pressed more, played zone defenses, ran a better motion offense, and were able to push the ball in transition to create easy baskets. This new style worked very well and the women began the season a perfect 8-0.

"After the first five or six games when we started out so well, at that point I knew that we were going to be pretty good," Applebury said.

Surprisingly, the players felt that it was after their first two losses over winter break in Daytona Beach, Fla., that they realized their full potential.

"I've never been on a team that's gotten along so well," Hanks said. "Our trip to Florida was just hysterical. We had a lot of fun down there. That's when I feel like we really learned a lot about each other. Even though we had our first two losses down there, I feel like after that was when we got rolling."

After the women returned from Florida, they lost their third straight game at Bridgewater College on Jan. 6. The Eagles did not panic, however, and they proceeded to win their next six in a row. They began the season 7-0 in the CAC, defeating every team in the conference the first time around. When the Eagles beat perennial conference powerhouse Marymount University, they realized that they could compete with every team in the CAC.

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It was the pinnacle of the career of Hanks, the only senior who had been on the team for four years.

"It was pretty amazing," she said. "I still don't have words for it. It's my senior year. It's all kind of surreal to go from being 5-20 my freshman year to winning a CAC Championship. Getting to cut down the nets was pretty overwhelming."

Bruen enjoyed winning the conference tournament, as well.

"It felt awesome [to win the CAC Championship]," she said. "I think every girl appreciated it. We didn't take it for granted."

After knocking off Salisbury, it was on to the NCAA Tournament for only the third time in UMW women's basketball history. Both Hanks and Bruen admitted that the team was a little nervous heading into

the first round game at Maryville University in Tennessee. Applebury said her players just tried to enjoy the moment and compete at the highest level they could.

The Eagles did not show any sign of jitters and pulled out a hard-fought 69-66 win over Maryville.

They advanced to the second round where they faced Randolph-Macon College, the fifth-ranked team in the nation. The Eagles played hard, but fell by a score of 89-76 to

the team that would go on to lose in the national championship game. The women are using the experience of losing in the tournament as motivation for next season.

"I know all the girls are working really hard because we want to make it even farther next year in the NCAA Tournament," Bruen said.

The Eagles were recognized by the CAC for their amazing season. Bruen was named CAC Player of the Year and Applebury was voted Coach of the Year. Applebury was humbled by the award.

"It was an honor," she said. "It's something that I never expected. I have to give all the credit to the kids. They're the ones that go out there and get the job done every day."

Bruen was one of the most important players on this Eagles squad. She was taken by surprise by her award, as well.

"Honestly, I started crying when they told me

because I was so excited," she said. "It's a great honor. To be able to even be considered for that, let alone get it, is just a great honor. I definitely wasn't expecting that either."

Applebury knows that the team would not have been as successful without its star sophomore.

"Debbie is one of those players who, just when you think that could be her best game of the season, she'd come out and have another game even better," she said. "Every single game, Debbie is so consistent. She led our team in virtually every statistical category. She's a great leader and a great kid."

This was a season that neither Applebury nor her players will ever forget.

"My favorite moments in general would be just to watch the kids grow as individuals and to really watch them change as players and to be able to reach their potential," she said. "They played to compete and played to win every single day."

Hanks and Bruen will miss the good times the team had both on and off the court.

"We all got to be such great friends," Bruen said. "That carried over to the games. Honestly, this was one of the most fun seasons I've ever had. Hopefully next year we'll all be as close and have the same kind of season."

Hanks added, "It was just a great senior year. I couldn't have asked for a better way to end. It was just a really special year."

The Eagles will be losing two seniors to graduation this year — Hanks and Christine Carlisle. The team will not be the same next season without Hanks as its leader.

"[Laura's] leadership is going to be sorely missed," Applebury said. "She was a great leader on and off the court. She lightens the mood in practice. She's got a great sense of humor, great personality. Everybody is going to miss Laura."

Bruen is going to miss her teammate, as well.

"I don't know if we can replace [Laura]," she said. "She basically pulls the team together whether it's on or off the court. She might not have the best statistical game, but if you watch her, she is just a great leader."

The Eagles should be a formidable team in the CAC again next season. They have the majority of their players returning and according to Applebury, four recruits have verbally committed to join the squad. She believes they will have as big an impact as this year's freshmen had. Bruen and Hanks feel the players will all work together and will be even better next season.

"I think they're going to be pretty scary next year," Hanks said.



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cheer for us. We don't always have that."

Also in the track events, the women's 4x800-meter relay team took first with a time of 9:51.40.

In the field events, UMW came in first place in several events. Senior Jane Thies finished first in the triple jump with a distance of 34 feet, six inches and freshman Carly Hambley was first in the women's high jump at five feet. Graduate student James Eberhardt came in first in both the discus and shot put with throws of 139 feet, three inches and 45 feet, 10.5 inches, respectively. Senior Jared Banks was first in the javelin with a throw of 163 feet, 10 inches.

"It was really nice to have all the hard work I put in over the last four years pay off, especially since it was my last home track meet ever," Banks said of his win. "It was a good stepping stone before the conference meet in two weeks. I'm hoping for a strong performance at conferences."

Sophomore Megan Linn had an outstanding meet as she set a new personal record with a discus throw of 122 feet, six inches, to win the event for the Eagles. Linn also won the hammer throw with a distance of 110 feet, six inches. Teammate Carissa Culbreath was not far behind, finishing second with a throw of 105 feet, one inch.

"The weather this weekend kind of posed a problem for the throwers, but overall it was a really great meet and the team did really well," Linn said.

Banks was pleased with the throwers' performance as well.

"We won five out of the eight events in men's and women's throwing," he said. "As a team, we competed well."

The Eagles were grateful for the competition, as they use these non-scoring meets to prepare for the Capital Athletic Conference tournament at the end of the season.

"This season has had a slow start, but we've seen a lot of improvement, and we look forward to CACs," Soper said.

Linn added, "The CAC Championship is a big goal for us; we've won it several times in the past, and although we have a very young team again this year, we look to win again."

The men's team lost the conference championship to Salisbury last year after holding the title for four years, he said. "We want to get it back one last time for Mary Washington before we graduate."

The Eagles will compete at Liberty University next Saturday, one of only two meets left before the CAC Championships.

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